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**Minutes  
Tempe Veteran's Commission  
February 2, 2016**

Minutes for the Tempe Veteran's Commission Meeting held on February 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

**Commission Members Present**

Keith Finkle, Chair  
Michelle Bravo, Vice-Chair  
Scott Essex, Secretary  
Mario Aguirre  
Bryan Durham  
Troy Friedman  
Dale Groen  
Patricia Little-Uptah  
Michelle Loposky (telephonically)  
David Lucier  
Laura Skotnicki (telephonically)

**Staff Present**

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilwoman  
Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director  
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director  
Marie Chapple Camacho, Public Information Officer

**Item 1 – Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM**

**Item 2 – Public Appearances – None Present**

**Item 3 – Review of Previous Minutes**

Motion by Chair Keith Finkle to approve minutes; second by Commission Member Patricia Little-Uptah. Motion passed unanimously

**Item 4 – East Valley Stand Up Update – Troy Friedman & Michelle Bravo**

- Upcoming meeting in two weeks
- Several organizations have expressed interests in participating
- What kind of data are we looking for and how do we measure it?
  - Include more questions in pre-registration

- How did you hear about the event?
- What are the top three booths that attracted you here?
- What is your zip code
- Surveys
  - Did we meet your needs?
- Identify participant motivation to attend
- Goodwill is willing to assist in data capture
  - Tailor ten questions
  - Each station can scan a wristband to track services being utilized
- On track to April 2, 2016 date
  - Extend invite to Mayor
  - Councilwoman Robin Arredondo-Savage will reach out to surrounding cities Council Members to invite
  - Send contact information to Vice-Chair Michelle Bravo of individuals the Commission would like to invite
- Official event name – Stand For Veterans

#### **Item 5 – Housing Project Update**

- Partnering with Save the Family and Citizens Advisory Group
- Upcoming hearings
- Possibly breaking ground this summer
- Link updates to website and include in future minutes

#### **Item 6 – Subcommittee Guidelines Update**

- Subcommittees must follow open meeting laws
- Must be staffed
- Utilize staff expertise rather than creating subcommittees

#### **Item 7 – 2016 City Council Presentation**

- Presentation will be distributed to Commission
- Highlight businesses who have completed navigator training and businesses that are in the process of completing the training

#### **Item 8 – Wellness Presentation – Patricia Little-Uptah & Mario Aguirre**

- Care 7 Crisis Response Team – open to presenting to Commission
  - As a Commission, find ways to support them
  - What does that look like?
- In existence for eighteen (18) years
- Originally partnered with 911
- On call 24/7
- Mandatory that they respond to:
  - Fire
  - Drowning
  - Gunshot wounds
  - Extradition car accidents
- Victim Advocacy
- Case Management
  - Long term case management follow-up
- Community Counseling

- High School Prevention Counseling
- Threat Assessment
- ASU Internship site
- Work closely with East Valley Veteran Center
- Work with Tempe Veterans Court
- Not specific to Veterans
- I-HELP
  - Overnight shelter program
  - Emergency basis
  - Priorities:
    - Eviction prevention
    - Crisis Housing
    - Employment navigation
    - Female Veterans – Childcare
- La Frontera
  - Rally Point
- Rally Point Professional Military Network
  - Employment service provider
- Save the Family
- Stand for Veterans Event
- Disabled American Veterans
- Maricopa Workforce Connections
- Department of Economic Security
- Tempe Community Action Agency

**Item 9 – Website Update – Marie Chapple Camacho, Human Services Public Information Officer**

- [www.tempe.gov/veterans](http://www.tempe.gov/veterans)
- Suggested items will be discussed as a Commission

**Item 10 – Suggested Items for Future Agenda**

- Stand for Veterans Update
- Bridge Housing
- Veterans Childcare Issues
- 2016 City Council PowerPoint
- Event planning for Veterans Supportive Businesses
- Operation Welcome Home
- Military Veterans Women's Expo

**Item 11 – Commission Member Announcements**

**Item 12 – Next Meeting – March 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

**Item 13 – Adjournment**

Next meeting to be held on March 1, 2016, Tempe Library Board Room, at 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Minutes prepared by: Valerie Kime Trujillo/Melissa Placencia  
Reviewed by: Naomi Farrell

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Keith Finkle,  
Chair, Tempe Veterans Commission